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[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Cerebro-spinal meningitis—Abstract of replies received to circular requesting information.

[Continued from last PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.]

ARKANSAS.—Cerebro-spinal meningitis has appeared very generally throughout the State of Arkansas since October 1, 1898, most notably in the counties of Jefferson, Pulaski, Conway, Crawford, and Sebastian. Deaths have been reported mostly in the valleys of the Arkansas and White rivers. The number of cases in any locality in the State can not be stated, there being no State or local law or regulation requiring cases of the disease to be reported. In the city of Little Rock 57 deaths have been reported as having been caused by cerebro-spinal fever, meningitis, cerebritis, spinal fever, and brain fever from December 21, 1898, to April 1, 1899. A number of deaths have also been reported as caused by congestion of the brain during the same period.

The deaths in Little Rock by months were, December, 1898, 1; January, 1899, 11; February, 1899, 19; March, 1899, 26. The mortality has been extremely high wherever the disease has prevailed. No particular investigations have been made as to its etiology and pathology.

The disease is now decreasing in the localities where it first appeared and is just beginning to be noticed in other localities, particularly in northern Arkansas, where it has not prevailed to any alarming extent until recently.

CONNECTICUT—*Danbury*.—An outbreak of cerebro-spinal meningitis was reported, April 20, with 6 cases and 3 deaths.

MARYLAND—*Baltimore*.—During the week ended April 22, 1899, 2 cases and 6 deaths of cerebro-spinal meningitis were reported.

OHIO—*Gallipolis*.—No cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis in this locality or county.

SOUTH CAROLINA—*Charleston*.—One case was reported during the month of March, 1899. This is the only case known to have occurred in this city since October 1, 1898.

TEXAS—*Galveston*.—During the week ended April 8, 3 deaths from cerebro-spinal meningitis were reported.

WASHINGTON—*Spokane*.—Three cases and 2 deaths are reported under date of April 17. A few cases have been observed in the Puget Sound district. The diplococcus intracellularis meningitidis has been found during the past year in the nasal secretion of 4 cases and in the pus obtained at autopsies in 2 fatal cases.

Smallpox in the United States.

ALABAMA.

Mobile.—Surgeon Murray reports, April 14, investigation of 2 new cases at Escatawpa, Miss. Smallpox prevalent in Tallapoosa County, Ala. April 22, he reports 1 new cases in Mobile.